

1 CLAIMS

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3 What is claimed is:

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- 5 1. A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a web browser, comprising:  
6 receiving a hyperlink list from a search engine;  
7 loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said hyperlink list into a  
8 queue; and  
9 viewing said webpages in a web browser.
  - 10 2. The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by preloading a  
11 selectable number of webpages pointed to by hyperlinks in a queue of  
12 hyperlinks.
  - 13 3. The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by periodically  
14 scanning a queue of hyperlinks and upon finding a hyperlink and its  
15 associated webpage that has not been preloaded, said associated webpage is  
16 then preloaded into a webpage queue.
  - 17 4. The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by preloading  
18 descendant webpages of hyperlinks that exist for a plurality of webpages  
19 currently displayed in a web browser.
  - 20 5. The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by preloading  
21 descendant webpages of hyperlinks that exist for preloaded webpages in a  
22 queue of webpages, where such preloaded webpages are not yet displayed in a  
23 web browser.
  - 24 6. The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by concurrently  
25 preloading a predetermined number webpages pointed to by hyperlinks in a  
26 queue of hyperlinks.
  - 27 7. The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by determining the  
28 available network download bandwidth and preloading a predetermined  
29 number of webpages based on such available network download bandwidth.

- 1        8.     The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by determining  
2             that the computer processor(s) isn't saturated and preloading a predetermined  
3             number of webpages based on such processor's non-saturation state.
- 4        9.     A method of displaying network-based information, including:  
5             displaying a plurality of fully functional webpages in a single web browser at  
6             the same time.
- 7        10.    The method of claim 9 where said displaying is accomplished by making  
8             visible prior preloaded webpages that correspond to hyperlinks in a queue of  
9             hyperlinks.
- 10       11.    The method of claim 9 where said displaying includes webpages from a prior  
11            saved hyperlink list.
- 12       12.    The method of claim 9 where said displaying includes webpages from one or  
13            more hyperlink lists returned by a plurality of search engines.
- 14       13.    A method of operating on network-based information, including operating on  
15            a plurality of fully functional webpages displayed simultaneously in a single  
16            web browser.
- 17       14.    The method for claim 13 where said operating is accomplished by changing  
18            the initial magnification factor of any or all preloaded webpages prior to  
19            visible display and said initial magnification factor is capable of being  
20            overridden once a webpage is displayed.
- 21       15.    The method of claim 13 where said operating is accomplished by selecting  
22            any portion of any displayed webpages and creating a duplicate image of said  
23            any portion in a format that can be saved and used at a later time.
- 24       16.    The method of claim 13 where said operating is accomplished by changing the  
25            number of webpages displayed in a browser at the same time.
- 26       17.    The method of claim 13 where said operating is accomplished by saving the  
27            hyperlink references to any of the webpages displayed or queued for display  
28            as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded and displayed in a web  
29            browser at a later time.

- 1       18.    The method of claim 17 with the additional capability of saving the search
- 2            context that enables a plurality of search engines to return hyperlink lists
- 3            based on said search context.
- 4       19.    The method of claim 13 where said operating is accomplished by selectively
- 5            deleting any of the webpages displayed or queued for display.
- 6       20.    The method of claim 13 where said operating is accomplished by selectively
- 7            copying a portion of the queue of hyperlinks that represent webpages
- 8            displayed or queued for display to a secondary favorites queue of hyperlinks
- 9            for later display.
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